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1. ALL SUBJECTS LISTED PARA ONE REFTEL WOULD BE USEFUL
AREAS FOR NEW OR CONTINUED WORK ON THE PART OF ECONADS.
WHILE DEPT HAS NO STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PRIORITY ASSIGNED
TO EACH TOPIC, WE CONSIDER USSR/EE AGRICULTURE (I) COMECON
INTEGRATION PLANS (II) AND SOVIET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (VI)
TO BE POTENTIALLY MOST PRODUCTIVE AREAS. REGARDING EC-
COMECON RELATIONS UNDER ITEM II, YOU SHOULD LET EC COUNTRIES
TAKE LEAD ON THIS AND SUPPORT THEIR VIEWS.

2. RE SUBJECTS PROPOSED IN PARA 2 REFTEL AS POSSIBLE
NEW ORIENTATIONS FOR ECONADS WORK PROGRAM, DEPT. SEES NO
REASON FOR COMMITTEE TO BEGIN TO ESSENTIALLY DUPLICATE WORK
THAT IS NOW BEING DONE EFFECTIVELY IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
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ECONADS NOW PROVIDE A USEFUL PRODUCT ON EAST-WEST ECONOMIC

ISSUES AND THERE IS NO RATIONALE FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN
BASICALLY INTRA-WESTERN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. EXCEPTIONS
SHOULD BE MADE FOR ECONOMIC SUBJECTS FOR WHICH THERE IS A
CLEAR EFFECT ON DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF ALLIES AND WHICH
IS NOT BEING STUDIED ELSEWHERE. ALMOST ALL SUBJECTS MEN-
TIONED ARE BEING DEALT WITH BY OECD OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
WITH GREATER RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCE IN THESE AREAS.
STANDARDIZATION OF ARMAMENTS (VII) IS THE EXCEPTION
AND GREATER ATTENTION MIGHT PRODUCTIVELY BE GIVEN

BY ECONADS TO THIS SUBJECT IN FUTURE. KISSINGER

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